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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COU EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YO	ORK	
MARITZA PINEIRO,	X	Docket No.:
	Plaintiff,	
-against-		NOTICE OF REMOVAL
WALMART INC.,		
	Defendant.	

TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK:

Defendant, WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP i/s/h/a WALMART INC., for the removal of this action from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of QUEENS, to the United States District Court for the EASTERN District of New York, respectfully shows this Honorable Court:

FIRST: Defendant, WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP is a defendant in a Civil action brought against it in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of QUEENS, entitled:

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NET	
MARITZA PINEIRO,	Index No.: 723597/2020
Plaintiff,	•
-against-	
WALMART INC.,	
Defendar	
	WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP's Answer are

SECOND: That this action seeks recovery for damages sustained as a result of personal injuries allegedly suffered by the plaintiff while on the defendant's premises.

annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

THIRD: The grounds for removal are that this Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 § 1332(a)(1). The amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs, and is between citizens of different States. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "B" is defendant's Combined Discovery Demands. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "C" is plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Demands, received by this defendant on January 19, 2021.

FOURTH: The defendant, WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP, is a Delaware limited partnership with its corporate headquarters and principal place of business in Arkansas. WSE Investment, LLC, is the limited partner of WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP, and WSE Management, LLC is the General Partner. Both are Delaware companies with their principal places of business in Arkansas. The sole member of both limited liability companies is Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. is a citizen of Arkansas. It is incorporated in Arkansas and its principal place of business is in Arkansas. Thus, for diversity purposes, the defendant is a citizen

of Arkansas. See Carden v. Arkoma Assocs., 494 U.S. 185, 195-96, 110 S.Ct. 1015, 108 L.Ed.2d 157 (1990) (stating that, for purposes of diversity jurisdiction, limited partnerships have the citizenship of each of its general and limited partners); Cosgrove v. Bartolotta, 150 F.3d 729, 731 (7th Cir.1998) (stating that, for purposes of diversity jurisdiction, a limited liability company has the citizenship of its members).

FIFTH: That upon information and belief Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of New York, County of QUEENS.

SIXTH: In that this action is between citizens of different states and seeks damages in excess of \$75,000.00, than pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. § 1332 and 28 U.S.C.A. § 1441 and § 1446 the case should be removed from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of QUEENS to the United States District Court for the EASTERN District of New York.

Dated: Northport, New York February 11, 2021

Yours, etc.

By:

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